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Subject: RE: Status of Niagara County EPA Removal and Assessment Sites

Hi Tim. It is unfortunate. We can talk one day to go over more specifics but NFB Site and about 12 other sites agency wide are now known as "mega sites". They aren't remedial (Which has a higher annual budget) according to their HRS score but the price is like a remedial site. Our agency needs to find a way to fund these removal actions. We will start the demobe actions on July 31st and should wrap up on August 11th.

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Not a situation any of us wanted to see, but given EPA funding uncertainties I can't say this comes as a surprise Eric.

We would appreciate it if you could provide us with your on-site demobilization activities schedule as soon as possible so we can have someone visit the site during those efforts.

Thanks for the advance notice.

Tim

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Good Afternoon:

I wanted to inform the local and state agencies prior to sending out a PolRep or

when the general public is informed. I will be contacting the property owners shortly after this communication. EPA activities at the Niagara Falls Boulevard site have been suspended for the time being due to the uncertainty with the current budget situation. Funding to complete all of the work, rather than incremental funding, is preferred in order to avoid shutdown and start-up costs, security costs and other maintenance costs that would accrue in between periods of work. Thus, de-mobilization in late July is the approach I am being instructed to take. EPA anticipates returning to the NFB Site for removal work in Spring 2018 at the earliest. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Active site work at other Niagara County radiological sites will also be on hold for the time being.

- At the Holy Trinity Cemetery site, EPA needs to finalize its official decision document on the cleanup work. Additional fencing will be installed around areas of concern in Areas 2 & 4.
- At the 738 Upper Mountain Road, the EPA is still determining if it is eligible for a removal.

For NFB, HTC and 738 Upper Mountain Road:

We will instruct property owners to inform EPA if any of the existing control measures have been compromised, including:

- Asphalt pavement as a protective shield
- Fencing
- Indications of vandalism
- Utilities work that involves digging in areas of concern
- Change in occupancy or use of property

EPA's Buffalo Area On-Scene Coordinator (**Peter Lisichenko**) will periodically inspect the control measures at each site.

EPA's Buffalo Area Public Affairs Official (**Mike Basile**) will respond to public questions and concerns and work with NYSDEC Public Affairs

At NFB, the risk to workers and public have been decreased due to removal of material from an office area in GNBC, removal of material from Area 5, sealing off pot holes in the parking lot as well as securing a fence in Area 7.

At HTC, the risk to workers and public have been decreased due to a permanent chain link fence being installed around the perimeter of Area 1, high visibility fence being installed around Areas 2 and 4, and a radon mitigation being installed inside of an Area 5 residence. We will also be installing fencing around piles of slag in Areas 2 & 4.

At 738 UMR, the only area of concern identified was the end of the driveway and is not likely to present an immediate exposure risk.

Regards,

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"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately", Benjamin Franklin